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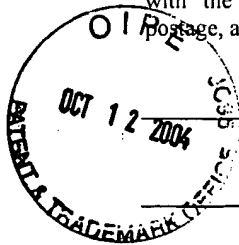
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In re Application of:

Gregory T. Thompson et al.

Serial No.: 10/682,592

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For: WET SEAT PROTECTION FOR  
AIR BAG CONTROL OCCUPANT  
DETECTION

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 3661

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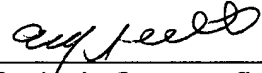
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This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

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